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SUBJECT: MODE - TREASURY POSITIONS AT BERN

1. SECRETARIES VANCE AND BLUMENTHAL AGREED IN PRINCIPLE  
LAST OCTOBER TO ESTABLISH A POSITION FOR A TREASURY  
FINANCIAL REPORTING OFFICER RESIDENT AT BERN. PURPOSE  
WOULD BE TO EXPAND REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF SWISS FINANCIAL  
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MARKETS. THIS AGREEMENT PREDATED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION  
TO PURSUE OVERSEAS STAFF REDUCTIONS VIA THE MODE PROCESS.

2. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS NOW SUBMITTED A DETAILED  
MODE PROPOSAL FOR TWO AMERICAN POSITIONS (OFFICER AND A  
SECRETARY) PLUS A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE OFFICER TO BE  
ASSIGNED. TREASURY'S PROPOSAL CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING

NTS: (A) THE OFFICER WILL HAVE ATTACHE TITLE, AND BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO THE AMBASSADOR; (B) THE SECRETARIAL POSITION WILL NOT BE NECESSARY IF THE U.S. MISSION IN SWITZERLAND CAN ASSURE THE OFFICER OF ADEQUATE SECRETARIAL AND CLERICAL SUPPORT; (C) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION IS TARGETTED IMMEDIATELY; (D) THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT; (E) THE SWISS GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO REACT POSITIVELY TO ASSIGNMENT OF A TREASURY OFFICER; THE SWISS NATIONAL

BANK HAS A FINANCIAL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON; (F) TREASURY HAS IDENTIFIED NO MODE POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ELIMINATED TO OFFSET ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TWO NEW AMERICAN POSITIONS.

3. THE OFFICER'S FUNCTIONAL TITLE AND GRADE WOULD BE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIST, GS-110-15. THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED JOB DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE MISSION OF THE U.S. TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE IS TO PROVIDE IN-DEPTH REPORTING OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES, TRENDS AND EXPECTATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTERS OF ZURICH, BASEL AND GENEVA, SWITZERLAND. EQUALLY IMPORTANT- THE REPRESENTATIVE WILL SERVE AS THE MAIN CHANNEL FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF U.S. POLICY POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, TO BOTH THE SWISS MONETARY AUTHORITIES AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY RESIDENT IN SWITZERLAND. TO PURSUE THIS MISSION THE INCUMBENT MUST HAVE A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICY. HE MUST ALSO HAVE A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND CAPITAL MARKET ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBIT A HIGH DEGREE OF SKILL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF BANKERS, BUSINESSMEN, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, GOLD AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADERS, FINANCIAL ANALYSTS AND ECONOMISTS. SPECIFIC ATTENTION IS NECESSARY TO BOTH THE VOLUME AND ORIGIN OF CAPITAL FLOWS; CAPITAL MARKET LENDING DEVELOPMENTS PARTICULARLY AS THEY AFFECT THE CONTINUING PROSPECTS FOR MARKET ELIGIBILITY; DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARKET FOR GOLD AND SIMILAR PRECIOUS MATERIALS; AND DEBT REFINANCING MATTERS.

THE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STAFF OF THE BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CLOSER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

THE REPRESENTATIVE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM REPRESENTATIONAL TRAVEL; UNDERTAKE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

WITH RESPECT TO PARTICULAR FINANCIAL ISSUES OF TREASURY INTEREST; ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS INVOLVING FINANCIAL QUESTIONS OF CONCERN TO OASIA, HELD IN SWITZERLAND AND NEARBY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHERE NO TREASURY REPRESENTATIVES ARE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MACRO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND REPORTING FOR SWITZERLAND, AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE EXTENT INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES DEEM IT NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE. END QUOTE.

4. IN REVIEWING THE DETAILS OF THE TREASURY PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING MATTERS INTER ALIA WHICH MERIT COMMENTS BY BERN AND POSSIBLY GENEVA: (A) ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE COM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY WISH TO INSTITUTE WITHIN THE MISSION TO ASSURE THE TREASURY OFFICER'S MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS; (B) MISSION'S ABILITY OR INABILITY TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAL SUPPORT NEEDED BY THE OFFICER.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS ON THE TREASURY PROPOSAL AND ON THE MATTERS IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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